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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PK, AF
SUBJECT: AFGHAN LEADERS FETE PUSHTUNISTANI LEADERS AGAIN

REF: A. KABUL 6154; B. KABUL 3813

1. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ON JULY 26 NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI,
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER, HAD
RECEIVED KHAN ABDUL GHAFAR KHAN, THE "GREAT LEADER
OF THE PEOPLE OF PUSHTUN" (SIC), AND HAD LUNCH WITH
HIM. ALSO ATTENDING THAT MEETING WERE NIZAMUDDIN
TAHZEED, MINISTER OF FRONTIER AFFAIRS (AND A PROPONENT TWO
MONTHS AGO OF THE VIEW THAT THE AFGHAN FRONTIER
SHOULD BE ON THE INDUS), AND AJMAL KHATTAK, A PRO-
MINENT PUSHTUN LEFTIST FROM PAKISTAN WHO HAS BEEN
LIVING HERE IN EXILE SINCE THE BHUTTO ERA. THIS
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IS THE AFGHAN LEADERSHIP'S FIRST REPORTED MEETING
WITH GHAFAR KHAN OR KHATTAK SINCE MAY (REFTEL B).

2. COMMENT: THIS HIGHLY PUBLICIZED MEETING,
SUGGESTING COLLUSION ON PUSHTUNISTAN STRATEGIES,
MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO CONVEY SOME TYPE OF WARNING MESSAGE
TO THE PAKISTANIS, WHO, FOR SOME AS-YET-UNKNOWN

REASON, ARE IN THE LOCAL DOGHOUSE. DURING A
CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON JULY 26, DEFENSE MINISTER
ABDUL QADER REPEATED THRICE A WARNING THAT THE AFGHANS WERE
PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ANY THREAT FROM THEIR "EASTERN
NEIGHBOR" (REFTEL A).
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